

BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC

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COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN SERVICE
ELECTRIC

Effective in: All territory served.

Applicability: Applicable as an option to residential, commercial, and industrial retail customers who subscribe to a Company-approved Community Solar Garden. Customers separately receiving Photovoltaic Service under the Company’s tariff may also subscribe to a Company-approved Community Solar Garden. Not applicable to:

1. Area, street, highway, or signal lighting customers.
2. Resale service.

Community Solar Garden Service is not eligible for Net Metering Service under the Company’s tariff.

Billing credit amounts are set forth within this tariff below and may take one of two forms: a bill credit amount that changes annually or a bill credit amount that remains fixed starting at the time that the subscriber organization applies for or bids capacity into a utility CSG program. The level of bill credit amounts for either the fixed or annual credit option will be updated in Sheet I of this tariff on November 15 of each year and take effect on January 1 of the following year, to be paid when multiplied by the CSG subscriber’s share as a percentage of the electricity generated by the CSG. This tariff will also record the levels of fixed billing credit amounts established for CSGs over time.

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For the purpose of applying the bill credit to a subscriber’s bill, the bill credit shall not be applied toward the following rate rider charges, unless the rate rider charges are included in the delivery, integration, and administration charge approved by the Commission in accordance with subparagraph 3881(b)(V): rate rider charges that promote clean energy technologies, including beneficial electrification; rate rider charges that provide income-qualified bill assistance; or rate rider charges that provide other public benefits as determined by the Commission. These rate rider charges shall be treated as non-bypassable charges and identified and approved through the annual utility advice letter filings submitted pursuant to paragraph 3881(b).

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Definitions:

Community Solar Garden (“CSG”). A solar electric generation facility with a nameplate rating of five megawatts AC or less that is located in or near a community served by the Company, and where the beneficial use of the renewable energy generated by the facility belongs to the Subscribers of the CSG. More than one CSG, or a combination of CSGs, may be interconnected at the same location as long as they do not cumulatively exceed five megawatts AC, without regard to whether the CSGs are new or existing facilities. A CSG shall have at least ten (10) CSG Subscribers. A CSG is considered to be located on the site of the CSG Subscribers’ premises for the purpose of crediting the CSG Subscribers’ bills for the renewable energy purchased from the CSG by the Company. The renewable energy generated by a CSG shall be sold only to the Company and shall be considered retail renewable distributed generation within the meaning of C.R.S. §40-2-124 and the rules of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission Rules”).

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CSG Allocation. The monthly allocation, stated in kilowatts (“kW”) as a share of the total nameplate capacity of the CSG, applicable to each CSG Subscriber’s Subscription reflecting the CSG Subscriber’s allocable portion of photovoltaic energy produced by the CSG in a particular Production Month. This information is to be provided to the Company by the CSG Subscriber Organization on a monthly basis and is used to calculate the CSG Annual Bill Credit.

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<p>COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN SERVICE (CONTINUED) ELECTRIC</p>
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Definitions
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CSG Annual Bill Credit. The dollar amount paid by the Company to each CSG Subscriber as a credit on the CSG Subscriber's retail electric service bill to compensate the CSG Subscriber for its beneficial share of photovoltaic energy produced by the CSG and delivered to the Company from the CSG Subscriber Organization. T

CSG Fixed Bill Credit. The credit is to be calculated as the utility's total aggregate retail rate of the subscriber's rate class minus the delivery, integration, and administration charge approved by the Commission. Starting when a subscriber organization directs the utility to provide subscribers to a CSG with a fixed bill credit prior to commercial operation date of the CSG, that vintage of bill credits will apply to all subscriptions for the full life of that CSG. N

CSG Owner. The CSG Owner is the entity or entities holding legal title or otherwise having full rights of ownership in and to the CSG. A CSG Subscriber Organization operating a CSG not owned by it is deemed to be a CSG Owner under this rate schedule, as well as under the Commission's Rules. A CSG Owner may be the Company or any other for-profit or nonprofit entity or organization, including a CSG Subscriber Organization.

CSG Subscriber. A retail customer of the Company who (a) owns a beneficial share of the photovoltaic energy produced by the CSG pursuant to a CSG Subscription; (b) has attributed such CSG Subscription to one or more premises served by the Company where it is the customer of record; and (c) has entered into a CSG Subscriber Agency Agreement with CSG Subscriber Organization. The CSG Subscriber, if all CSG Subscriber requirements are satisfied, is eligible to receive CSG Fixed Bill Credits from the Company.

CSG Subscriber Agency Agreement. An agreement entered into between a CSG Subscriber and CSG Subscriber Organization by and through which a CSG Subscriber has authorized CSG Subscriber Organization to act as CSG Subscriber's agent which, among other things, allows the CSG Subscriber Organization to sell CSG Subscriber's beneficial share of photovoltaic energy produced by the CSG to the Company.

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Total Aggregate
Retail Rate
("TARR"):

The TARR shall be determined using the average charges and usage for the subscriber's rate class for purchases by the utility after January 1, 2016.

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For the purpose of calculating the billing credit amount for a commercial or industrial customer on a demand tariff, the total aggregate retail rate (TARR) shall be determined by dividing the total electric charges to be paid by the customer to the utility for the most recent calendar year (including demand charges), by the customer's total electricity consumption for that year for subscriptions planned for purchases by the utility before January 1, 2016. In the event that the designated premises to which the CSG subscription is attributed has less than one year of billing history, either an estimate of the total annual charges shall be made by the utility, or the TARR shall be determined using the average charges and usage for the subscriber's rate class for purchases by the utility after January 1, 2016.

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CSG Annual
Bill Credit
Calculation and
Frequency:

The CSG Annual Bill Credit is a dollar amount, per kWh basis, calculated for each class and subclass of electric service, as follows:

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$$\text{TARR} - \text{T\&D Demand Costs} - \text{TCA} - \text{RESA} - \text{DSMCA} = \text{Net TARR (\$)}$$

$$\text{Net TARR (\$)} / \text{Billing Determinants (kWh)} = \text{CSG Fixed Bill Credit (\$ per kWh)}$$

where:

T&D Demand Costs are Transmission and Distribution Demand Costs as Commission-approved components in the Company's most recent Phase II Rate Review;

TCA is the Transmission Cost Adjustment;

RESA is the Renewable Energy Standard Adjustment;

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DSMCA is the Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment;

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Billing Determinants, to calculate on a per kWh basis, equal the most recent actual annual determinants which include adjusted kWh sales (for Total Retail Revenues) and annual number of customer bills (for Monthly Customer Charge Revenues).

CSG Annual Bill Credits shall be effective on and after January 1st of each year. The Company will file an Advice Letter to revise the CSG Fixed Bill Credits by November 15th each year, to be effective January 1st of the subsequent year.

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CSG Fixed
Bill Credit
Calculation and
Frequency:

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When a subscriber organization directs the utility to provide subscribers to a CSG with a fixed bill credit, the billing credit shall be calculated by multiplying the CSG subscriber’s share of the electricity production from the CSG by the applicable fixed bill credit amount set forth in the utility’s tariff. The billing credit amount shall be calculated as the utility’s total aggregate retail rate as charged to the subscriber’s class, minus the delivery, integration, and administration charge approved by the Commission in accordance with subparagraph 3881(b)(V).

For the purpose of calculating the billing credit for a commercial or industrial customer on a demand tariff, the utility’s total aggregate retail rate shall be determined using the average charges and usage for the subscriber’s rate class.

The election of the fixed bill credit must be made before the commercial operation date of the CSG. The fixed bill credit shall apply for the life of the CSG.

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Application, or Donation, of CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credits: CSG Subscribers shall receive a bill credit from the Company equal to the applicable CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credit amount in this rate schedule multiplied by the CSG Subscriber's CSG Allocation for a Production Month, as provided to the Company by the CSG Subscriber Organization. T

The CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credit will be subtracted from the total amount due T on the CSG Subscriber's bill; or in the alternative, the CSG Subscriber may authorize donation of the bill credit to a Third-Party Administrator, qualified and approved by the Company for low income assistance, and pursuant to a Commission-approved acquisition plan for new CSGs. Any donations of bill credits, or excess bill credits as herein described, shall be calculated and applied to a recipient's bill based on the TARR of the contributing CSG subscriber.

The CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credit shall be applied to the CSG Subscriber's T bill from the Company no later than the sixtieth (60th) day after the Company receives the CSG Allocation and other information from the CSG Subscriber Organization.

To the extent the subscription information communicated by the CSG Subscriber Organization to the Company and used by the Company for purposes of calculating the CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credit applied on CSG T Subscriber's electric service bill was incorrect, the CSG Subscriber Organization shall be responsible for processing all corrections or other adjustments of CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credits previously applied by the T Company to the CSG Subscriber's electric service bills and to collect any overpayments and remit any underpayments for all such CSG Fixed or Annual T Bill Credits, as necessary, among CSG Subscriber and other CSG Subscribers owning subscriptions in the CSG.

Application, or Donation, of Excess CSG Fixed or Annual Bill Credits: Excess bill credits accrued to the CSG Subscriber shall carry forward to subsequent billing cycles indefinitely until the CSG Subscriber terminates service with the Company, at which time, the CSG Subscriber may either: (1) assign the excess bill credits to another utility account of the CSG Subscriber on the Company's system; or, (2) authorize donation of the excess bill credits T to a Third Party Administrator, qualified and approved by the Company for low income assistance, and pursuant to a Commission-approved acquisition plan for new CSGs. In lieu of rolling over billing credits from month to month, the CSG Subscriber may authorize donation of 12 months' excess bill credits, at the end of every April billing cycle, pursuant to a Commission-approved acquisition plan for new CSGs.

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Regulations
(cont'd):

1. CSG Subscription. CSG Subscriptions must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Unless the CSG Subscriber is an eligible low-income customer, as defined in the Commission's Rules governing CSGs, each CSG Subscription shall be sized to represent at least one kW AC of the CSG's nameplate rating. The minimum one kW sizing requirement does not apply to CSG Subscriptions owned by eligible low-income customers.
 - b. A CSG Subscription may supply no more than 200 percent of the CSG Subscriber's average annual electricity consumption at the premises to which the CSG Subscription is attributed, reduced by the amount of any existing retail distributed generation at such premises. T
 - c. No one CSG Subscriber may own more than a 40 percent interest in the beneficial use of the electricity generated by the CSG, including without limitation, the renewable energy and RECs associated with or attributable to the CSG.
2. CSG Subscription Transfers/Portability. A CSG Subscription may be transferred or assigned to the associated CSG Subscriber Organization or to any person or entity who qualifies to be a subscriber in the CSG, subject to the terms of the CSG Subscription. In addition, the CSG Subscriber may from time to time change the premises to which the CSG Subscription is attributed, so long as applicable requirements are satisfied.
3. CSG Subscriber Organization Ownership Limitation. No CSG Subscriber Organization may own more than a 40 percent interest in the beneficial use of the electricity generated by the CSG, including without limitation, the renewable energy and renewable energy credits associated with or attributable to the CSG, after the CSG has operated commercially for 18 months.
4. Responsibility for Verification. The CSG Subscriber Organization and the Company shall jointly verify that each CSG Subscriber is eligible to be a CSG Subscriber in the CSG.

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2025 CSG Annual
 Bill Credit:

Class	Subclass	Credit per kWh per Month
Residential	Regular	\$0.1126
Residential	Other	\$0.0864
Small General Service	Non-Demand	\$0.1148
Small General Service	Demand	\$0.0989
Large General Service	Secondary	\$0.0913
Large General Service	Primary	\$0.0902
Large Power Service	Secondary	\$0.0016
Large Power Service	Primary	\$0.0691
Large Power Service	Transmission	\$0.0895
Irrigation	Pumping	\$0.0965

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2025 Fixed
 Bill Credit:

Class	Subclass	Credit per kWh per Month
Residential	Regular	\$0.1126
Residential	Other	\$0.0864
Small General Service	Non-Demand	\$0.1148
Small General Service	Demand	\$0.0989
Large General Service	Secondary	\$0.0913
Large General Service	Primary	\$0.0902
Large Power Service	Secondary	\$0.0016
Large Power Service	Primary	\$0.0691
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